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**PERSONAL**

Rev. A. T. Broderick, of Montrose, was in the city yesterday.

Thomas Griffin, of Washington avenue, left yesterday for New York.

J. W. Guernsey is in New York and Philadelphia on a business trip.

J. Lewis Bell, general traffic manager of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, is in the city.

Mrs. A. W. Dickson held her first "at home" on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Quincy avenue.

Miss Lillian A. Kraft, of 618 Linden street, will spend a few days with her mother at Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Julia Hanson, of Morphystown, Ill., is the guest of Miss Hattie Gunster, of North Washington avenue.

**ST. LUKE'S FAIR.**

It will offer on Friday and Saturday a variety of Christmas gifts.

The Young Women's Guild of St. Luke's church, who have been diligently preparing to make the sale for the benefit of the South Side kindergarten an exceedingly attractive one, now hope and ask for generous patronage of it from the public. All who visit the rooms of the guild in the Parish House on Friday and Saturday of this week, between the hours of 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., will find a great variety of beautiful articles and many plainer useful ones for home and personal use. Some few of the first of these can probably not be duplicated.

The refreshment committee, headed by Miss E. K. Kraemer and Mrs. W. H. Whyte, will offer the very best of light refreshments and at a very reasonable price. There will be no over-charging at any table, as the magazine wits sometimes say is the case at fairs for charity. The guilds ask the public to come and see, and be sure that all who come will be satisfied, and glad to aid the noble work of the kindergarten which has already wrought so well.

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**All Are Invited.**

Joseph Burros, the well known lunch man, will open his new quick lunch room at the corner of Penn avenue and Linden street this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Temperance drinks will be served free to all comers.

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**POET CARLETON'S LECTURE.**

He Spoke on the Drama of Human Life.

Versatile and ever-popular Will Carleton, poet and delightful entertainer, paid another visit to Scranton last evening and was greeted by an appreciative and admiring audience, which completely filled the Lyceum.

Mr. Carleton was happily introduced by Judge H. M. Edwards, who tributed to him as the "poet of human nature."

He delivered a lecture, or perhaps more properly speaking, a series of vivid word pictures interspersed with a number of selections from his own works on "The Drama of Human Life." There was an ingenious blending of the poetic and the sublime and the humorous in his remarks which completely charmed the audience. The selections which he recited were introduced in such a subtle manner that they seemed, as they were intended and essential parts of the whole running discourse, in striking contrast to several other of the authors who appear on the lecture platform and who interject readings from their own works apropos of nothing at all.

The selections rendered by Mr. Carleton last evening, which numbered about ten, ranged from the quaintly humorous "Elder Lamb's Donation," recounting the miseries inflicted on a country parson by his well-meaning parishioners and their donations of hopelessly useless things, to that homely, simple and stirring poem, "The First Settler's Speech," which teaches the great lesson of the immense moral value of words.

All of these were given with great earnestness and in many cases true dramatic ability was displayed. In fact the evening was genuinely enjoyable to all present and there is no doubt that when he again visits the city there will be a splendid welcome awaiting him.

**TO FIX WATER RATES.**

Select Councilman T. C. Melvin is Having an Ordinance Drafted by City Solicitor Vosburg.

Select Councilman T. C. Melvin will introduce at tonight's adjourned meeting of select council an ordinance establishing the water rates for the Scranton Gas and Water company on a certain fixed basis. City Solicitor Vosburg is at present engaged in drafting the measure.

Mr. Vosburg will probably be called upon for an opinion regarding council's legal right in passing and enforcing such an ordinance, and water will undoubtedly be the main topic of conversation, discussion and argument in city hall for several moons to come.

Mr. Melvin says he is determined to push the matter to a finish, he being himself one of those hit by the meter system lately adopted by the company. His monthly tax having been advanced from \$1.50 to \$20 a month by it.

He has in his possession an opinion on the matter which Attorney L. H. Burns drew up some twenty-two years ago when he was acting as city solicitor, and when the same question was referred in committee. In this opinion Mr. Burns, after quoting various and numerous authorities, expresses the belief that councils have a perfect right to fix the rates of the water company, basing his opinion on the doctrine that though a man may use his private property as he pleases so long as only private interests are affected, yet when the use of private property is clothed with a public interest the public have rights which their representatives may enforce.

Mr. Melvin will use this opinion as one of his main arguments in behalf of his ordinance. This is the first time that select council has dealt with the water question since 1876, when a similar bill was introduced, but ruled out of order by Mayor Thomas, who was then acting as chairman of that branch of council.

Common council also meets this evening in regular session. No important ordinances will come up for third reading.

**A SOCIAL EVENING.**

Members of the Liederkranz Enjoyed a "Lamilien-Abend."

The members of the Scranton Liederkranz assembled at Music Hall last night and enjoyed what is known as a "Lamilien-Abend." A very interesting entertainment was given, which was followed by dancing until a late hour. Among the entertaining numbers on the programme were selections by the Liederkranz male chorus, led by Theodore Hemberger, which were heartily received. The Junger Maennerchor also gave musical selections in excellent style. The program was capped by a tenor solo, which was very well received. A comedy entitled, "Wenn Frauen Weinen," was most excellently produced by Otto Stockel, Edmund A. Bartl, Joseph Albrecht and the Misses Martha Pittack and Mina Welker. It was a one-act sketch and was greeted with uproarious laughter.

Edmund A. Bartl made a humorous address, in which he said some very clever things. William J. Alles sang the "Gefanfene Admiral," and made one of the funniest hits of the evening. He was encored and gave a second rendition.

The pantomime, "William Tell," with Ernst Gloor as recitator, and a large number of people performing the parts, was also given. It was cleverly presented and was heartily welcomed. This and a selection by the chorus closed the evening's entertainment.

**GODOWSKI'S PIANO RECEIVED.**

Extra Sized Instrument That Proved Difficult to Handle.

A Knabe grand concert piano to be used in the Godowski concert was received here Tuesday evening from the Knabe warehouses in New York and is at St. Luke's parish house ready to be set up.

On account of its great size and weight much difficulty was experienced in handling it. The first truck on which it was placed broke down, but fortunately no damage resulted to the instrument. The piano is nine feet in length and only costs \$1,200 with stool.

**A Card.**

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**MR. SCRANTON ON WATER QUESTION**

QUOTES FIGURES SHOWING RATES ARE FAIR.

Meters Were Put on, He Says, to Check the Waste of Water, Which Had Become Enormous—Comparisons with Other Cities—Willing to Consider Further Reductions if It Can Be Shown That Present Charges Are Unfair.

The following letter, received for publication yesterday, explains itself: Sir: So long as misstatements concerning this company were confined to the street gossip, it did not seem worth while to notice them. But when such papers as the Truth and the Times, and such a respectable body as the board of trade misrepresent us to the public, the matter deserves our consideration and reply. As I understand them, the charges against us are, in brief:—

First—That, thinking we were doing it in our power to squeeze the public, we have suddenly begun doing so without mercy.

Second—That our dividends are excessive.

Third—That by our rates we are driving manufacturers away from the city.

Every one of these charges I emphatically deny.

First—To the first I reply that it is pretty safe to judge the disposition and policy of a company by its acts. The present management of this concern has been in control twenty-one years. During that time the price of gas has been reduced by successive steps from \$3.50 to \$2.50 to \$2.25 to \$2 to \$1.50 to \$1.25 to \$1.40 to \$1.20 to \$1.25 to \$1.20 to \$1.15 to \$1.10, with discounts which bring the present price of gas to 95 cents a thousand feet to large consumers, and \$1.045 to the ordinary customer.

During the same period we have reduced the price of water for domestic use from \$16 per annum to \$12 to \$10 to \$8 to \$6. Though we have had meters in use but a few years, yet our maximum rate has been reduced from 25 cents a thousand gallons to 20 cents, and our minimum rate from 10 cents to 8 cents to 6 cents.

The price of electric street lights has been reduced from 25 cents to 23 cents to 22 cents to 21 cents.

In no instance have we ever advanced rates on gas, water or electric lights, nor have we done so now. Our water meter rates remain as fixed in 1877.

Every one of the above statements has been unfounded, uncollected, and entirely voluntary on our part, and in pursuance of our policy, advertised again and again, to "reduce rates from time to time as may be warranted by increased consumption." If this does not show a continuous and steady policy of reducing rates as fast as could be afforded, what does it show? If we had wanted to squeeze the public, why didn't we begin long ago?

I assert with emphasis that we have not the least objection to having our water rates, whether meter or other, compared with those of other cities of the same size, similarly situated, and dependent on the same water supply. A compelling equally enormous reserved storage.

Second—As regards dividends, the Klondike value of our stock, etc., are stated in the papers are, of course, silly nonsense.

For some years the company has been paying dividends of 3 to 4 per cent. per annum, but that we are paying at the rate of only 2 per cent. per annum. Our capital stock is \$2,500,000, but, as the company's plant has cost between six and seven million dollars, and could not now be duplicated for that, it will be seen that our stockholders are really getting at present hardly one per cent. on the cost of their property. It is well to remember that, a year ago, we increased our capital stock one million dollars, doing so on the principle well understood by business men, that it is no wise to have the stock and bonds of a concern too far below its actual cash cost.

But, what of it? Who was hurt by it? Certainly not the public, for there was no advance in rates, and the company's earnings were not increased by it, but, on the contrary, diminished by \$5,000 increased state tax. The property owned by the above-mentioned stockholder owning one-tenth of the concern, still owned only one-tenth thereof, whether the capital stock was one figure or another.

Third—Now come to the charge that by our rates we are not only driving large manufacturers and other concerns from the city, but are preventing similar ones from coming here. Especial reference has been made to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western and the Lackawanna Iron and Steel company. It is said that meters will raise Delaware, Lackawanna and Western from \$200,000 to \$700,000 per annum. Likewise, much other nonsense.

Now, as the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western own an equal rolling interest in the Providence Water company and can supply themselves with water from their own concern at any time they please, it is not surprising that they need agitate itself about the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western.

As to the Iron company, which is being driven from the city by the Water company's extortions, I have now before me figures made by its present general manager, Mr. Wehrum, in January, 1881, before the Scranton Steel company was founded, giving the amount of water used by the Iron company at that time, in its mills, furnaces and steel works. There is no reason to believe that it is using any less water now. These figures estimate over 20,000,000 gallons daily, part of which they get from us, part from Roaring Brook. So far as they get it from us they pay \$100,000 a year. If in Buffalo, they were to get 20,000,000 gallons from the city water works, at the famous 2 cent rate of which we have heard so much, it would cost them \$400,000 a year, or over \$120,000 a year, even though their blast

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**YOCUM-PHELPS NUPTIALS.**

Ceremony Performed in the Phelps Residence on Linden Street.

One of the most brilliant society events of the season took place last evening at the home of Mrs. John H. Phelps, when her eldest daughter, Miss Bees, was married to George Carson Yocum. The family residence on Linden street is one of the handsomest houses in Scranton, and on this occasion was particularly effective with elaborate decorations, in which the chrysanthemum, the flower of autumn, was effectively employed.

Officers of ground pine half veiled the doorways and formed a screen for Bauer's orchestra in the side hall.

The ceremony, which was private, and only witnessed by the immediate relatives and closest friends of the bride and groom, took place at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. E. H. Yocum, father of the groom, and presiding elder of the Harrisburg district of the Methodist Episcopal church, performed the impressively beautiful ceremony, the bridal party standing beneath a canopy of flowers and greens, in the front drawing room. Miss Josephine Phelps, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Paul Yocum, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride, who was given away by her mother, was attired in a charming gown of dotted silk tissue over white satin. The bodice was elaborately trimmed with duchesse point and was worn over a yoke of pearl embroidery. The skirt and tunic were daintily garnished with accordion plaiting and ruching of

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**FINAL SESSION OF CONVENTION**

GOOD DEAL OF GENERAL BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

Appropriations Were Voted to the Welsh Baptist Churches at Warrior Run, Mahanoy City and Danville—Sermon by Rev. E. R. Williams on "The Universal Brotherhood" in the Afternoon—Rev. D. D. Hopkins and Rev. R. S. Thomas Spoke at the Evening Session.

The final sessions of the Welsh Baptist association were held yesterday in the First Welsh Baptist church on South Main avenue, West Scranton. In the morning considerable business pertaining to the various churches was passed upon, and in the afternoon and evening preaching services were held. Previous to the opening session the Home Missionary committee met. The members are: President, Rev. D. I. Ivor Evans, of Shenandoah; secretary, Rev. Charles Jones, in the chair; Devotional, Benjamin Hughes, West Scranton; Rev. W. D. Thomas, Pittston, and Joseph W. Lloyd, Wilkes-Barre.

The Welsh Baptist churches at Warrior Run, Mahanoy City and Danville were voted appropriations, and the committee proposed plans for making collections to increase the missionary funds during the next six months. The trustees of the association also met and transacted routine business.

The general conference convened at 10 o'clock with the president, Rev. Charles Jones, in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by Rev. D. S. Thomas, of West Virginia. The report of the committee on a new periodical reported progress and will make a final report at the annual meeting in Edwardsdale next May. The auditors, Evan J. Davis, of West Scranton, and John H. Phillips, of Plymouth, made a full and elaborate report of the association's financial standing.

**COMMITTEE CONTINUED.**

The committee appointed to consider the misunderstanding between Rev. J. E. Davis and John Powell, of Plymouth, reported that their work was unfinished and the committee was continued. Secretary Davis reported the work done by the Mission society during the past six months and outlined the plan adopted for the raising of funds to carry on the work during the next six months. A special appeal was made to the delegates and churches for increased financial assistance.

Rev. Charles Jones, of Nanticoke, made a report for the Pennsylvania Baptist Educational society, which included a special appeal for aid. The officers of the conference were appointed a special committee to correspond with pastors in Scranton, relative to the church property in dispute at Summit Hill.

F. W. Chapman presented the work of John Philip Quinn, the reformed gambler, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the work of Messrs. Chapman and Quinn in their crusade against gambling.

The morning session was closed with benediction by Rev. Edward Jenkins, of Jermyn.

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